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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121

Dear Sir or Madam:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2006. With the attached request for a three month extension of time in which to answer the Office Action, a response is due by December 19, 2006. This response is being filed on or before December 19, 2006, and is therefore timely filed.